

## **Dear Resident of Waardeiland,**

The Municipality of Leiden is working with residents, housing corporations, and other partners to create a more sustainable Waardeiland. We are working towards a natural gas-free neighborhood. In December 2024, the initial memorandum was adopted, and we informed you about it at that time. Since then, we've made further progress. With this letter, we would like to update you on where we stand now, what the next steps are, and what this means for you.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a helpful overview of the steps we will go through together – the *resident journey*. This document explains each step, when your opinion will be requested, and when decisions will be made. That way, you'll know what to expect.

### **What has happened so far?**

The Foundation for the Energy Transition De Waard and Waardeiland (SEDWW) conducted a survey among residents and business owners in De Waard and Waardeiland. The aim was to understand preferences regarding the energy transition. SEDWW also commissioned the consultancy Syntraal to investigate which sustainable heating and green electricity solutions could be suitable for Waardeiland and De Waard. This research identified several promising options.

In the next phase, the municipality will investigate what the application of these potential solutions could mean for your home in Waardeiland.

### **What are we going to do?**

The Municipality of Leiden will collaborate with two research agencies to assess what connecting to a heating network or other heat source would mean for your home. This research will answer questions such as: how much space would be needed, and what adjustments would be required for the homes in the neighborhood? To gain a clear picture of the possible heating solutions, we will consider all housing types in the area. The study will determine whether connection is technically feasible and what the associated adaptation costs would be. The result will be an overview of the most viable solutions for heating – and possibly cooling – your home.

### **What does this mean for you?**

Once the research is completed, we will inform you about the results during an information meeting. This is scheduled to take place in September. Afterwards, we will ask you to indicate your preference for a heating solution. Based on your preferences, the costs, and technical feasibility, the municipality will decide whether to proceed and, if so, with which type of heating system. The next step will be to develop a district implementation plan for Waardeiland. We will keep you informed of the progress.

### **More information and sounding board group**

For more information about the heat transition in Waardeiland, please visit the

municipality's website: [doemee.leiden.nl/waardeiland](https://doemee.leiden.nl/waardeiland). Here you will find updates on the process and can sign up for newsletters and municipality-organized meetings. The Doemee page can also be accessed using the QR code below.

Additionally, there is a sounding board group in which residents and business owners from Waardeiland and De Waard can actively contribute their ideas about the energy transition. If you are interested in joining this group, you can register through the Foundation for the Energy Transition De Waard and Waardeiland (SEDWW) via [info@sedww.nl](mailto:info@sedww.nl). Your input is valuable to the success of the heat transition in Waardeiland.

**Do you have a question?**

You can reach us by phone at **14 071 – option 4**. We are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You can also email us at [warmtetransitie@leiden.nl](mailto:warmtetransitie@leiden.nl).

Kind regards,

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